

**Inaugural Annual General Meeting
Minutes
13 October 2011
Redfern Community Centre,
Sydney, NSW**



**NATIONAL CONGRESS
OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PEOPLES**

1. Present

Members

Sorrell Ashby
Cooee(Nicole) Boeree
Jody Broun (Co-Chair, National Board) (**AGM
Chairperson**)
Brian Butler (Director, National Board)
Gayle Caldwell
Lindon Coombes (CEO)
Venessa Curnow (Director, National Board)
Merindah Donolly
Amanda Eatock
Cathy Eatock
Dennis Eggington (Director, National Board)
Bruce Ellis
June Frank
Jason Glanville

Mick Gooda
Craig Greene
Amala Groom

Kate Keheller
Katie Kiss
Rod Little (Director, National Board)
Les Malezer (Co-Chair, National Board)
Faith March
Carla McGrath
Charles Prouse
Aaron Ross
Joanne Selfe
Tammy Solonec (Director, National Board)
Daphne Yarram (Director, National Board)

Observers

Priscilla Griffiths
Glenda Stubbs

Tania Kearsley (Company Secretary)
Tharani Jegatheeswaran (Deloitte – external
auditor)

2. Open and Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 5.30pm and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land on which the meeting was being held. The Chairperson welcomed all present to the first Annual General Meeting of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Ltd and advised that a quorum was present.

3. Apologies

The Chairperson advised the meeting that apologies had been received from Tanya Hosch, Russell Taylor, Kristina Taylor and Jennifer Stefenac.

4. Direct Votes and Proxies

The Chairperson advised the meeting that approximately 56 direct votes and proxies had been received.

5. Notice of Meeting

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

6. Chairperson Presentation

The Chairperson delivered a short presentation to Members noting the successful running of the first National Congress meeting in June in Sydney. The Chairperson advised the meeting that the National Board has been involved in a number of activities, including participation on the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. The Chairperson advised that Congress has also been active in responding on a number of issues, including the Northern Territory Emergency Response, Department of Finance review and the recent Productivity Commission report

7. Presentation of Financial Statements and Reports

The 2010-2011 Audited Financial Statements and Directors Report for the year ending 30 June 2011 were presented to and considered by the meeting.

Members asked questions in relation to the Financial Statements and Directors Report.

8. Appointment of Auditor

It was **resolved** that, for the purposes of section 327B of the Corporations Act 2001 and for all other purposes, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, having being nominated by a Member and consenting in writing to act in the capacity of auditor, be reappointed an auditor of Congress.

Carried unanimously.

9. Board Remuneration

Questions were raised by Members in relation to the Directors' remuneration and the ongoing financial viability of the organisation. The Chairperson undertook to take this on notice and refer to the National Board for consideration.

It was **resolved** that, in accordance with Rule 15.6(b) of the Constitution, the total amount of remuneration provided to all Directors for their services as the National Board, must not exceed in aggregate in any financial year the amount of \$1,043,389.

Carried: Votes for (including direct votes) – 70; Votes against: 3.

10. Close

There being no further business, the Chairperson thanked all present for their attendance and invited Members and observers to stay for a Q&A session with the National Board.

Meeting closed 6.16pm

Confirmed: 
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(Chairperson Signature)

Date: 20/2/12
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